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## Marginal Column

By EFEV LAQUEUR

ONE is reluctant to see the Harry Dexter White case simply as a Republican election stunt. It came too late for the recent elections, and it is much too early for November 1954. It can be taken for granted that the American electorate will make its decision by then on the basis of the record of the current Republican administration, and it will not greatly matter whether Mr. Truman did or did not know that White was suspect in 1945/6. On the contrary, such accusations may backfire even if the Attorney General, Mr. Brownell, has additional surprises up his sleeve. It appears more likely that the Republican extremists are trying to force the hand of the administration, which they believe has not done enough to discredit the Democrats.

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HARRY Dexter White's name came up for the first time late in July 1948 in the evidence of Mrs. Elizabeth Bentley before a Congressional Committee, and later was mentioned on various occasions by Whittaker Chambers and Louis Budenz. In some circles, Bentley, Budenz and Chambers since then have been called hysterical, renegades and professional informers. Whether their personalities are prepossessing or not, the evidence given by them has been proved correct in most essential points; and the evidence was that two Russian agents, Jacob Golos (who also contacted Klaus Fuchs and recruited Harry Gold) and J. Peters, had established several units of Communist Party members and fellow travellers fairly high up in Washington with the avowed intention of obtaining interesting information, or, as less kindly disposed observers put it, carrying out espionage.

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ONE of the members was said to be the late Mr. White, who, at his own request, was heard before the same Congressional Committee in August 1948 and denied that he had ever been a fellow traveller. He was seriously ill at that time and was given, according to Mr. Alistair Cooke, correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian," a courteous hearing." He died three days later.

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AFTER sifting the published evidence, what can be established now with a reasonable measure of certainty is that Harry Dexter White was not a Party member but that in the thirties he was intimately associated, and collaborated with persons such as Silvermaster, Alger Hiss and Lauchlin Curry, who were something more than Party members. White is now dead and cannot defend himself. The F.B.I. apparently had more important trails to follow and the measure of his guilt or innocence has not been established to this day, mainly, it appears, because he was no longer available either as witness or defendant. Perhaps there exists detailed and concrete evidence against him, and there have been hints in that direction since 1948, but nothing definite can be said as it has not been made public.

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THE main political charge against White is and was that as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury he prepared the "Morgenthau plan" for the pastoralization of Germany, which corresponded with Stalin's plan and which, for a short time, was made official American policy. There are few doubts regarding the fact that to White belongs the authorship of that famous project. But at the time it was favourably viewed by no lesser persons than Roosevelt and Churchill (and opposed by Stimson, Cordell Hull and Eden). It corresponded not only with Stalin's plans, but also, to a large extent at that time, with public opinion among the United Nations, now conveniently forgotten. However that may be, the impression gained is that the F.B.I. had no watertight case against Harry Dexter White in 1945/6. He might or might not have been a Soviet spy, as Mr. Brownell now alleges, but the material against him apparently was insufficient to indict him then. The present Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, at that time was in a similar dilemma: he recommended Mr. Alger Hiss for an important post (outside the Government) notwithstanding certain rumours which could not then be substantiated.

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THE political sensation caused by the subpoena served on Mr. Truman to appear before a Congressional Committee will probably be shortlived. It would appear that those who engage in such a course of action overrate the interest of most American citizens in the late Harry Dexter White, and Mr. Truman's responsibility for his appointment and their capacity to become excited over the matter. The Daughters of the American Revolution in Middletown and some American Legion chapters in Suburbia perhaps will be given a temporary uplift. In the long run, however, such prosaic issues as farm prices, the ability of the present Government to face a business recession and to carry out its electoral promises in general, will almost certainly be far more important than the present storm in a teacup. If Mr. Truman, somewhat precipitated as it appeared later, had not called the investigations in 1948 against Alger Hiss a "red herring," he could do so now with an incomparably greater measure of justification.

*Jerusalem, November 15.*

# Guard Found Shot To Death Near J'lem

The body of Zion Manton, the watchman who, together with eight Arab women (citizens of Israel) and two children was kidnapped by Jordan forces on Thursday while picking olives at Bet Safafa, south of Jerusalem, 150 metres inside Israel territory, was found near the village on Friday, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

Seven of the women and the two children were returned to Israel on Thursday night.

The eighth woman was seriously wounded, NEARS reports. She was admitted to Jordan Government Hospital at Bethlehem with a serious bullet wound.

An examination of the body held on Friday morning in the presence of U.N. officials showed that Manton had been shot seven times in the back, according to the Army spokesman.

*The Jerusalem Post* learns that a post mortem of the watchman also showed concussions in the skull, which were caused by the butt of a rifle.

A re-enactment of the incident disclosed that the Jordanians must have been about 120 metres within Israel territory.

These facts and the pressure exercised by the Jordanians on the Arab women before their release, throw additional light on the seriousness of this Jordan aggression, the spokesman concludes.

The police began to search for Manton soon after the Arab Legion repudiated an official Jordan report that the watchman was being held by the Jordan authorities together with eight Arab women and two Arab children kidnapped from Israel, ITIM reports.

The Arab women were returned to Israel late on Thursday night. During an interrogation in the presence of U.N., Israel and Jordan officials, the women said they could not recall the colour of the attackers' dress nor did they know how the attack had been executed.

### Changes Her Mind

One of the women said that she thought that it was the Jewish watchman who opened fire when the Arabs had approached.

In a subsequent conversation in Israel, however, the ITIM report continues, the women said that the kidnappers were Arab Legionnaires in large force and that they had fired on the watchman as well as on the Arab women.

One of the kidnappers was seen carrying two rifles, one of which apparently belonged to the watchman.

One of the women admitted that they had been warned by Arab Legion officers not to disclose what had happened.

"You saw nothing; you heard nothing," they were warned before crossing at Mandelbaum Gate, the Itim report concluded.

Both Israel and Jordan have submitted complaints to the Mixed Armistice Commission on the incident.

Manton, 24, was a resident of Talpiot in Jerusalem. He came to this country from Tripoli four years ago. He is survived by a wife, who is expecting a child, and by two children.

## Israel Offer Sent To UN Council Members

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday.—Mr. Abba Eban, Israel's permanent delegate to the U.N., yesterday formally requested Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld to circulate to U.N. member countries his offer for direct talks with Jordan on Armistice problems and especially the prevention of border incidents.

Mr. Eban personally delivered to Mr. Hammarskjoeld a letter in which he asked him to convey to member states that particular part of his statement, made in the Security Council on Thursday, calling for talks with Jordan at U.N. headquarters "without delay."

"We believe that this would be a very practical way for the Security Council to reach more fruitful, constructive and tangible results in the immediate future than it ever could have without the assistance of such talks," Mr. Eban said.

"The discussions suggested are approached entirely within the framework of the Armistice Agreement which Israel and Jordan have signed and would deal entirely with problems arising out of the agreement."

Israel's proposal has aroused much interest in U.N. circles, and there is much speculation as to whether Jordan will accept the Israel bid or ignore it.

Generally, U.N. circles said that Israel had scored an important point by thus evincing a sincere desire to come to an agreement with her neighbours and to co-operate in securing a reduction of tension in the area.

*(Reuter, INA)*

In Jordan, the entire press featured Mr. Eban's speech, most papers giving it greater prominence than it received in Israel. "Falastin," the Old City daily, ran the speech under a seven-column streamer. "A-Diffa," another Old City daily, drew particular attention to Mr. Eban's "admission of Israel's guilt" over Kibya.

## Jordan Will Ignore Eban Plea—Heickal

Dr. Yusef Heickal, Jordan delegate to the U.N. told "Al Ahram," Cairo daily, that U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld had not informed him of any meeting with Israel delegates in the Security Council, and that he has not received any instructions in this matter from his Government.

Dr. Heickal said that he thinks his Government will completely ignore the Israel proposal. It is believed that when he speaks before the Security Council on Thursday he will make no mention of it.

"Al Ahram" reports that the speech by the Jordan delegate will be based on the following points: his country's reply to Israel's announcement of Thursday; the Kibya incident in detail; Israel infiltration and aggression; and steps taken by Jordan to prevent infiltration.

Observers note that at present there is no unified opinion among Western powers in regard to a joint proposal. While Britain demands that the proposal contain a censure of Israel's actions, the U.S. has not yet decided on her stand.

Arab circles expect that the declaration by the Western Powers will be published on Monday or Tuesday.

## Frontier Police Clash With Infiltrators

At 9.30 yesterday morning a frontier police patrol encountered a group of Jordanians who had penetrated Israel territory in the Tulkarm sector, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

When the patrol moved forward, the rifle and automatic fire was opened on it from across the Armistice lines.

The infiltrators were driven back across the border by the patrol, which sustained no casualties.

### LOCAL COMMANDERS MEET NEAR BUDRUS

RAMLE, Saturday (ITIM). — Army officers and a Jordan police officer and sergeant discussed regional problems at a Commanders' Meeting on the border near the Arab village of Budrus, on Thursday.

## Israel Bid Confuses Jebb's Plans

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Saturday. — Britain was moving at high speed towards a resolution condemning Israel and not mentioning the peace talks, and had secured American and French support when Mr. Abba Eban tossed water into the petrol by proposing immediate talks with Jordan at the U.N.

The British motor began to splutter, and it remains to be seen whether Sir Gladwyn Jebb's mechanics can repair the damage over the week-end before the Security Council meets on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Israelis are following up their temporary advantage. Mr. Eban saw U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjoeld yesterday about arrangements for the U.N. sponsored talks. He is calling on most Security Council delegates during the weekend.

The American Zionist Council has wired Secretary of State Dulles to express amazement at published reports that the U.S. is supporting a resolution which does not mention direct talks, which is a "retreat from our past position and a great disservice to peace."

The Zionist Council urged Mr. Dulles to use America's "great moral influence and prestige to hasten a firm and lasting settlement."

## Locusts Near Latrun

RAMLE, Saturday (ITIM). — Arab Legion soldiers yesterday afternoon were seen by Mishmar Ayalon residents trying to disperse three swarms of red locusts in the demilitarised zone near Latrun.

## 'Centre Party' Seeks Peace with Arabs

SAFAD, Saturday. — A demand for the establishment of permanent peace between Israel and the Arab countries was adopted as a resolution by a district conference of the Mifleget Hamerkaz (Centre Party) a General Zionist-sponsored Arab movement, which met at Rama, near here, yesterday.

It was the General Zionists' aim to integrate the Arab minority into the Jewish community, Mr. Y. Tamir, Secretary General of the Party, told the conference.

The meeting called on the Government to lift military control from Arab villages in Galilee.

## Tories Retain Seats

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Conservative Party retained its parliamentary seats in by-elections in Crosby and Ormskirk yesterday and today.

In Crosby, the Conservative candidate, Mr. Graham Page, received 18,614 votes as compared with 7,545 for Mr. E. Adams, of the Labour Party. In Ormskirk, Colonel Glover received 17,984 votes against 9,500 for Mrs. Muriel Ferguson, his Labour opponent.

## C-o-L Rises 2 Points; Now Stands at 207

The Cost-of-Living Index reached 207 points during October, the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research announces. This is an increase of two points over the September figure, and a rise of 107 points over that for the base month, September 1951.

Figures for selected previous months are: January 1952 — 113; April — 144; August — 165; October — 173; January 1953 — 181; May — 197; June — 197; August — 201; and September — 205.

## Truman to Speak On White Case Monday

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Former President Truman told reporters today that he would broadcast on Monday night from Kansas City on the Harry Dexter White case, giving his side of the story.

Earlier, Mr. Francis Walter, Democrat member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, said he had recently been informed that the appointment of White, an alleged Soviet spy, to the International Monetary Fund went forward "in order not to arouse the suspicions of people at that moment under surveillance."

Questioned by reporters on whether he had transferred White to put him in a position to be watched, Mr. Truman replied, "I have not examined the record on the matter and my memory is hazy. I would have to look it up."

He said it was a "possibility" that he would have complied with such a request by the Federal Bureau of Investigation had it been made.

The Un-American Activities Committee considered yesterday a refusal by Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark to comply with a subpoena to testify on the White case, and agreed to submit written questions instead.

Jusice Clark rejected the subpoena on the grounds that the Government's judiciary branch is independent of the legislative — the same constitutional basis on which Mr. Truman declined to honour a Committee subpoena.

Mr. Clark, however, offered to give serious consideration to any written questions the Committee might send him.

## Germany Asked To Speed Reparations

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday (ITIM). — The West German reply to the Israel request to increase the Reparations allocation for 1954 from DM.250m. to DM.310m. will be received by the middle of January, Dr. F.E. Shinnar, head of the Purchasing Commission in Germany, told the press on arrival here today.

Last Tuesday, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and he called on Chancellor Adenauer, Dr. Shinnar said. This was the first meeting since the German elections. The Israel request was made on this occasion, and other matters concerning the execution of the Reparations agreement were discussed.

The framework of the Reparations purchasing programme would not change greatly next year, Dr. Shinnar added, although alterations would be introduced in the light of this year's experience. Steel orders would be increased somewhat. The question of the purchase of oil from foreign companies on the German account rested with the German Government, he stated.

## *Germany to Build Israel Floating Dock, Ships*

COLOGNE, Saturday (INA). — After protracted negotiations, the Reparations Purchasing Mission has signed an order with a German North Sea shipyard for two freighters, each about 3,000 tons, and a floating dock intended for Haifa.

The dock will enable Israel to repair ships up to 20,000 tons. The total cost of the freighters and the floating dock is $8.4.m. which is to be paid from reparation funds in instalments over several years.

This is the first time that such a major long-range capital goods order has been placed under the Reparations agreement.

## Deadlock Broken In Primary Talks On Korea Parley

PANMUNJOM, Saturday (Reuter). — Allied and Communist negotiators today broke the deadlock on an agenda for preliminary Korean peace talks by agreeing to discuss the place, time and composition of the main peace conference simultaneously in two subcommittees.

The solution was worked out during meetings of staff representatives during the past week.

The chief delegates, who met for the first time in a week today, took only one hour to give formal approval to the agenda worked out by the staff representatives.

Mr. Arthur Dean, chief Allied negotiator, told reporters, "This is merely the key which opens the door. The real hard work is just beginning." But he added, "At least this is progress."

Asked if he thought his mission to arrange for a full political conference would be successful, Mr. Dean replied, "I have always been optimistic, and I am even more optimistic now." The Communist delegates had told him that the agreement on the agenda was "fruitful," he said.

The Neutral Nations Reparation Commission today rejected another Communist request that the same Chinese prisoners who refused to be interviewed last week be produced for "explanations" again. A Commission spokesman said, "The position regarding explanations remains unchanged."

U.S. Vice President Richard Nixon, in a speech to the Korean National Assembly yesterday, urged that "differences" between the U.S. and South Korea should be discussed privately because "only our enemies gain when there is conflict between us."

## West Ends Inter-Zone Control in Germany

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter).—The three Western High Commissioners today formally notified the Soviet authorities here that no inter-zonal passes would be required for East Germans travelling to West Germany as from midnight tomorrow.

In identical notes sent to Soviet High Commissioner Vladimir Semeonov they also said that East Germans travelling to West Germany would no longer require West German residence permits.

The notes were in reply to M. Semeonov's letter of October 3 in which he rejected previous Western offers jointly to abolish inter-zonal passes for travellers between East and West Germany.

## Underground Group Seized in E. Germany

BERLIN, Saturday (UP). — East Germany announced today that the police had arrested a 14-man underground band in the city of Schwerin.

Smashing of the band, described as an "enemy underground organization," was announced by a secret police officer in a speech at the Klement Gottwald factory in Schwerin. The speech was reported by the newspaper "Schweriner Volks-Zeitung."

## Foreign Minister Of Austria Resigns

VIENNA, Saturday (Reuter). — President Theodor Koerner was today officially informed by Chancellor Julius Raab that Foreign Minister Karl Gruber had offered to resign but would stay till a successor was found.

Gruber resigned yesterday after a five-man commission of his Conservative People's Party recommended that he be replaced. The commission investigated Gruber's book of memoirs in which he accused party colleagues, including Chancellor Raab and then Chancellor Leopold Figl, of secretly negotiating with the Austrian Communists in 1947 behind the back of their coalition partners, the Socialists. Soviet troops have evacuated their posts at Behamberg and Ramingdorf on the border of the American and Soviet zones in Austria, and have returned the buildings they requisitioned to their former owners, Austrian police reported today.

## Egypt Says Britain In Panic over Sudan

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Jaleh Salem, Minister of National Guidance, said last night that the "bitter truth is that Britain is in a great panic as a result of the new trend in the Sudan." He was replying to a statement by Foreign Minister Anthony Eden in the Commons yesterday alleging that Egypt is disregarding her pledge to guarantee free elections in the Sudan.

Answering Mr. Eden's charge that thousands of Egyptians of Sudanese origin are flooding the Sudan to electioneer, Major Salem noted that "more than 100,000 Sudanese live and were educated in Egypt," and if some of them "wish to visit the Sudan at a decisive moment in its history, does Mr. Eden expect the Egyptian Government to stand in their way?"

## Sons Admit Father Slew Drummonds

DIGNE, Southern France, (Reuter). — Police questioned 76-year-old Gaston Dominici from midnight until 4 a.m. after he had been accused by his two sons, Gustav and Clovis, of murdering the British Drummond family 15 months ago.

But Dominici strongly denied any responsibility for the killing of Sir Jack Drummond, the nutrition expert, Lady Anne Drummond and their ten-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

Police planned to take him to Marseilles gaol today because they consider the evidence against him as "overwhelming."

The statement by his sons, announced to reporters by Chief Marseilles Commissioner Harnig, came after 36 hours of relentless questioning in a murder case as baffling as any in French crime records.

# Britain Studying Text Of Molotov Statement

**LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Foreign Secretary Eden and his advisers today were analyzing M. Vyacheslav Molotov's statement yesterday accusing the West of distorting Russia's attitude to East-West talks.**

A copy of the Soviet Foreign Minister's denunciation of Western policy was sent to Sir Winston Churchill, whose proposal for the Big Three Bermuda meeting, diplomatic sources said, had probably provoked M. Molotov's surprise press conference.

First impressions in diplomatic quarters here last night were that M. Molotov did not retreat an inch from the Russian note of November 3, which made the West's virtual abandonment of the Atlantic Pact and the scrapping of the European army plan conditions for even talking about Germany.

Officials here said that no formal comment will be made on the statement until it has been carefully studied, but they clearly believe its main purpose is a propaganda one.

### MOLOTOV'S STATEMENT

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov said last night that the possibility of holding a big-power Foreign Ministers conference depended on Western agreement to discuss international tension, the German problem and related questions on the security of Europe.

Speaking at a press conference, he repeated Russia's call for Big Five talks, including Communist China, on international tension followed by Big Four talks on Germany.

He said that Western policy, aimed at the ratification of the European army, would make the solution of the German problem impossible and endangered surrounding European states, and urged that a Foreign Ministers conference should not be bound by advance agreement but should discuss any question relating to the reduction of tension which any of the great powers might introduce.

### Russia Ready to Meet

M. Molotov said that world attention is now focused on the calling of a Foreign Ministers conference, and denied allegations that the Soviet Union does not desire such parleys. He reiterated Russia's readiness to meet the West, but added that although the West, too, is in favour of the meeting, no agreement has yet been reached "on the aims of such a conference."

The Soviet position, he pointed out, was outlined in detail in the Russian note of November 3 to the three Western powers.

"The urgency of a Foreign Ministers conference has by no means diminished," the Foreign Minister stated. "The matter, however, should not be given such a bent as to reduce the conference beforehand to a discussion of any one problem and to exclude from the range of the conference the fundamental question — relaxation of international tension.

"Any success in this sphere whether pertaining to the West or the East can be regarded as an achievement of the peace loving countries."

M. Molotov thought that a five-power Foreign Ministers conference should proceed from the necessity of stopping the armament drive and achieving a substantial reduction of armaments primarily by the great powers. "However, we express readiness to examine other problems as well on the solution of which the lessening of international tension depends," he said.

## US Says Soviet Stand Still Unacceptable

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The State Department spokesman, Mr. Henry Suydam, yesterday dismissed press conference statements by Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov as not altering "in any respect the unacceptable conditions" for a Foreign Ministers conference laid down in the Soviet note of November 3.

In response to queries for comment on M. Molotov's press conference, Mr. Suydam issued an authorized statement declaring, "On the basis of press reports, it seems that M. Molotov is worried at the unfavourable reaction created by the Soviet note of November 3. In this note, the Soviet Union not only rejected the invitation of the three Western powers for a conference about Germany, but piled up a series of preconditions to any meetings which the Soviet Foreign Ministry must have known, as Secretary Dulles said, were 'not acceptable as far as the United States is concerned.'

"Although the Molotov press conference is obviously designed to soften the tone of the Soviet note, M. Molotov in fact does not alter in any respect the unacceptable conditions which were set out in that note.

"M. Molotov continues to seek to divide the Western powers in Europe. At the same time he reiterated the prior and astonishing Soviet position that it is impossible to make any progress in European questions until after Communist China, the aggressor in Asia, is brought in to help solve the world's questions."

## Ike Urges Concerted Effort for Peace

OTTAWA, Saturday (UP). — President Eisenhower today advised the free nations not to despair in their quest for peace, but to stand together against Russian propaganda and espionage.

Speaking in the Canadian Commons, the Chief Executive quickly captured the members of Parliament by opening his address in smoothly-spoken French.

Members banged their desks vigorously as Mr. Eisenhower saluted the co-operation between the French and English-speaking people of Canada.

The President emphasized that the Democracies must show "an international will to cast out the bomb and the gun as arbiters."

Unless there is a concerted effort to reduce international tensions, he saw only the grim alternative of "the bankruptcy of armament races and the suicide of nuclear war."

Later in his address, Mr. Eisenhower departed from his prepared text to say that the U.S. and other nations trying to wrest a formula for peace from the Russians had done their best to colour their proposals with reason.

## *USSR Seen Worried by Bermuda*

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — The consensus here is that the unusual press conference by Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov was a tactical move which has made no change in the situation.

The Russians seem to have been surprised and worried by the unanimously unfavourable reception given to their last note and by the Western Powers' decision to meet at Bermuda.

But although M. Molotov's statement was phrased in somewhat conciliatory language, it contained nothing new. Possibly some hints have reached the Kremlin that if the latest Russian note had not slammed the door on a German settlement, the French Government might have postponed E.D.C. ratification.

By repeating his demand for a five-power conference, however, including China as a preliminary to talks on Germany, M. Molotov is thought to have thrown away another opportunity.

The Bermuda Conference is now expected to concentrate on ways of getting France and Germany together. For the rest, as "The Economist" puts it, "Sir Winston, faint yet pursuing, will talk with an American President who is bored but polite and with a French Premier who is willing but powerless."

The degree to which Sir Winston is now being treated by Government supporters as a venerable figurehead could not be better illustrated. This fact also has its relevance for other areas, including the Middle East.

Any effective criticism of the Government's policy must come from below and preferably from within the Conservative Party.

## France at Bermuda Only to 'Observe'

PARIS, Saturday. — Prime Minister Joseph Laniel and his Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, will be little more than "observers" at the Bermuda conference opening on December 4, since the present Government will resign automatically after the French Presidential elections on December 17.

It is felt here that the Premier will not make any commitments for France at the conference but will treat it as an opportunity for an exchange of views between the three powers.

Meanwhile, the Government yesterday decided to open its "showdown" debate on the European Army on Tuesday despite Gaullist threats to overthrow the Government. The decision was taken on Thursday following a mandate from the Assembly, which rejected a Gaullist proposal to postpone the debate from November 17 to 27.

The Gaullist group in the Assembly also called on Premier Laniel to postpone the Bermuda meeting, as well as the Hague conference on "a political authority for Western Europe, until after the presidential elections.

*(UP, Reuter)*

### IRAQ, SAUDIA AGREE ON OIL POLICY

BAGHDAD, Saturday (Reuter). — Iraq and Saudi Arabia have reached full agreement on a unified oil price policy for companies operating in the two countries, Iraqi Economics Minister Abdul Rahman Al-Jalali announced today.

## AFTER MIDNIGHT

Warsaw radio announced last night that prices of agricultural equipment would be slashed by 40% and for most essential commodities by about 10% from today, in a general price cut in foodstuffs and consumer goods.

## Hopes of Accord Delay UN Vote On Arms Motions

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (UP). — The U.N. Political Committee today postponed voting on various disarmament proposals in the hope that a compromise can be worked out which would be acceptable both to Russia and the Western powers.

Mr. V.K. Krishna Menon of India called for the postponement of the voting until Monday and said he hoped the Committee could reach "unanimity" on a disarmament resolution.

Mr. Menon circulated a revision of India's amendments to an American-backed resolution calling on U.N. member states and "particularly the major powers" to intensify their efforts to assist the Disarmament Commission in its tasks.

Soviet amendments to the Western resolution called for the immediate prohibition of Atomic and Hydrogen weapons. The Russians also demanded simultaneous establishment of a global control agency to supervise the use of nuclear energy.

### Soviet Plan

Under the Soviet plan, the General Assembly would ask the Disarmament Commission to submit to the Security Council by next March 1 proposals "providing in the first place for a substantial reduction in the armaments" of the U.S., Russia, Britain, France and People's China.

Other countries submitted various amendments in an effort to bring the Western and Soviet positions closer together.

The U.S. and its allies oppose the Soviet disarmament plan on the ground that prohibition of Atomic weapons cannot be enforced until an international control agency is established and working.

Despite the great difference in the two approaches, however, Mr. Alexis Kyrou of Greece supported Mr. Menon in urging an adjournment in the hope that a compromise can be forged over the week-end.

Mr. Kyrou said that the Committee had made "wonderful progress" in its Saturday meeting, and that postponing the vote until Monday would allow time for some private negotiations during the intervening day.

### Refers to Molotov

M. Jacob Malik of Russia called the Committee's attention to Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's suggestion yesterday for a five-power conference to discuss world problems. M. Malik said that Russia is interested in reducing world tension, but that it would be "useless to speak of disarmament and not mention the prohibition of weapons of mass destruction."

The Soviet delegate stated that the Western disarmament proposals were designed for one purpose "to gain intelligence data" concerning Soviet armaments. He added that Russia had made a "host of concessions" on the disarmament issue but that the U.S. had "backtracked."

Yesterday, Soviet delegate Andrei Vyshinsky charged the Western powers with avoiding any conference which would reduce international tensions, and were trying to induce various nations to continue the arms race.

He said it was necessary that the West give up its "plans for the preparation of a new war" and that a conference of the five great powers, including People's China, meet to discuss measures to ease tension.

## 'Pravda' Claims New Germ War Evidence

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).—"Pravda," official newspaper of the Soviet Communist Party, carried a long report today entitled, "New evidence on the use of germ warfare by American troops in Korea," Moscow Radio reported.

It was based on a statement released by Peking's New China News Agency, which quoted alleged confessions by 19 U.S. prisoners of war in Korea.

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## Social & Personal

Mr. Izhar Harari, M.K., returned by El Al yesterday from the U.S.

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Dr. K. J. Mann, Director General of the Hadassah Medical Organization, returned on Thursday by T.W.A. from a brief visit to the U.S. to participate in the 39th Hadassah Convention and to consult with Hadassah officials.

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Mr. Morris Alexander of Chicago; Mrs. Ethel Tamerson of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mr. Fred Monoson, of Boston; Mr. Mayer Halperin, of New York, Chairman and members respectively of the National Israel Committee of B'nai B'rith in America, will be the guests of honour of the Jerusalem B'nai B'rith Luncheon Club, tomorrow at 1.15 p.m. at the Cafe Rehavia.

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Dr. A. Poshter, Assistant to the General Manager of the Bank Leumi, has left for the U.S. on company business.

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Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Magill of Paterson, N.J., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sommer, of Dubois, Pa., are leaving the country today after a brief visit.

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The annual Flag Day of the Haifa Day Nursery for veterans' and servicemen's children will be held tomorrow.

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*BIRTH*

KOIFMAN — To Anita, wife of Leon Koifman, 25 Rehov Shiloh, Ramat Gan, on 11.11.53 at the Hadassah Hospital, Hakirya — a son.

## Jerusalem Safety Week

Safety Week activities in Jerusalem, prepared by the new National Safety Council:

Today, 3 p.m. — Explanations to the public in the city streets.

Tomorrow, 3 p.m. — Tests to Safety Patrols at the Traffic Licensing Office.

Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. — Parade. Starting point: Romema at Rehov Sarei-Yisrael. Exhibits pertaining to driving accidents will be carried in the parade.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Meeting of Jerusalem drivers at Beit Ha'am with Judge Wiener and members of the National Safety Council.

Thursday — During the day, instructions to the public will be broadcast in the streets.

Friday—Instruction leaflets to be distributed.

## Where to go

**JERUSALEM**

★ **Play reading:** —
New play to be read by G. Hanoch, Be'eri Club, 8.30 p.m.

★ **Archaeology:** —
Permanent Exhibition. Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Daily 9—1, 4—6.

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Works by Ze'ev Ben-Zvi; 28 Canadian Paintings; "Girl," by Chaim Soutine; "New Hellenistic and Roman glass vessels", Bezalel National Museum, 9-1, 2-5.
Works by Rico Blass and Jacob Pins, Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

★ **Tour:** —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Shows in** —
Keren Hayesod, 11.30-12.30.

**TEL AVIV**

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Paintings and sculptures by the New Horizons group; Leonardo, the Artist and Man of Science; Museum, 10-1, 4-7.

★ **Theatre:** —
"Saint Joan"; Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.
"Caution, Road Under Repair," Li-La-Lo, Jasha Heifetz Hall, 9 p.m.

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★ **Exhibitions:** —
"Art of China and Japan" (from the collection of Mr. Jacob Pins, Jerusalem), Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1 only.

**RAMAT GAN**

★ **Theatre:** —
Do-Re-Mi, "Countess Maritza," Operetta, Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

**NATANYA**

★ **Lectures:** —
Year-round Plants and an Indoor Garden, Mr. E. Feuchtwanger; Chrysanthemum Exhibition Hall, 8 p.m.

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# Import Licence Mix-Ups

By Our Economic Correspondent

Some time ago an expert from the United States presented the Government with a report on the streamlining of procedure for the issue of import licences. He stressed that under a regime of partial controls as exists at present in Israel, import licences represent one of the main instruments of economic planning. By granting — or withholding — import licences government authorities are able to determine how much of the available foreign currency shall be used for current consumption and how much for investment and development. By the same process certain enterprises can be favoured or hampered.

Smooth and quick handling of the issue of licences is therefore essential if bottlenecks are to be avoided. The expert pointed out that a surprisingly large number of government authorities are involved in the process and that this meant endless trouble for importers, much work for government offices and an excellent opportunity for red tape. He made a number of recommendations, among them the publication of licences granted.

### Cumbersome Procedure

During the last few days, rumour has it that the Government is preparing to accept this last recommendation. But it has become painfully evident too that a streamlining of the procedure has not even begun. Imports appear to be as haphazard as ever. The three-cornered fight between the Jerusalem Shoe Corporation, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the Tanners Section of the Manufacturers' Association is one proof; the arrival of goods out of the German Reparations without any import licences is another.

There are endless tales of persons forced to bring goods by plane because the licences were held up so long that there was no possibility to bring them by ship. Losses caused by these delays are considerable. Initiative to start new schemes is hampered because persons do not know whether they will be able to import raw materials in time.

The problem of import licences is by no means a technical matter, and technical imperfections are only a small part of the general issue. We can well imagine a position where the machinery works perfectly and where nevertheless the wrong goods are imported. Why, for instance, do we find Italian apples in the vegetable-shops? Why have beekeepers to complain that a large quantity of honey has been brought in? Why the discussion in the press as to who imported a quantity of woollen blankets which threaten to glut the internal market? Why on the other hand the constant complaints that we have not enough foreign currency for the most urgent needs?

**The answer is plain: the import programme still suffers from improvisation despite planning authorities and a multitude of government offices which are concerned with the direction of imports. There is still no smooth cooperation between the various offices dealing with imports, especially not between the Treasury and the other economic departments. Pressure groups play a much too big and wholly undesirable part in the allocation of licences.**

### German Reparations' Import

It would be too easy, on the other hand, to pour out the baby with the bath-water and to arrive at the conclusion that we should allow free imports if we are unable to organize the planning of imports and the issueing of licences satisfactorily. But that is obviously out of the question now and for a long time to come, because our foreign currency is scarce and a large part of it must be earmarked for essential goods. We shall therefore have to plan imports in future too, but the planning must be improved.

The problem has been complicated recently by the German reparations. Here we have huge import possibilities which come under a new authority. It works without adequate public supervision — the Reparations Council, for instance, has not been convened for months — and it is doubtful whether the cooperation of the new and powerful authority with the other Government departments is close enough. The fact that Reparations goods have arrived in Israel p[illegible]s without import licences speaks for itself.

The threat of the American administration to cut the grant-in-aid throws into relief the necessity for flexible priorities in imports. This point is not new. But the latest political events have proved that it is of major importance. We have to work out a system of priorities for imports, or, to be precise, several systems. The possibility of unforeseen reductions in our foreign currency income makes it necessary to prepare several plans for imports, ranging from a minimum to a maximum programme. Otherwise a sudden decline in the income of the United Appeal or the Bond Drive, or a substantial reduction of the grant-in-aid may throw our whole economic life off its balance.

## Hacohen to Seek Asian Trade

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Saturday. — No economic ties exist as yet between Israel and the Asiatic countries, and the difficulty of communications is not alone responsible, Mr. David Hacohen, M.K., Minister-designate to Burma, said in a farewell address at the Maritime and Economic Club here yesterday.

He believed that the Asiatic countries could become important markets for Israel goods and he hoped to be able to promote closer relations with them. Air communication is a major problem: while 27 passenger planes pass through Beirut every week on their way East, and 20 through Cairo, only one flies via Lydda.

There are almost no Jews in Asia, he pointed out, and its peoples have no anti-Jewish prejudices. Diplomatic and trade relations with them could relieve Israel of its political isolation on this continent. Burma is an excellent "observation post" as it borders several of the most important states of Asia.

Mr. Hacohen's address opened the new season of the Club, of which Mr. H. Hindes has been re-elected President.

## Improved Economic Ties With Mexico Seen

MEXICO CITY, Saturday (UP). — Mr. Joseph Kessari, the new Israel Minister to Mexico, said last night that prospects for improved trade relations between Mexico and Israel are "excellent." Mr. Kessari added that the Israel Government ratified a commercial pact with Mexico a few days ago.

The Minister reported that a group of Israel businessmen are considering starting a commercial shipping line between Haifa and Vera Cruz, on the Mexican Gulf Coast.

"Mexico will have a good market in Israel for many of her products," he said. He listed crude oil, cotton, corn, sugar, henequen, meat and fibres.

"Israel is ready to export chemical and pharmaceutical products, chocolates, polished diamonds, synthetic textiles, clothing and raincoats."

## Dutch Name Streets After Jewish Heroes

AMSTERDAM, Saturday (INA). — Four of the ten executed Amsterdam resistance fighters, after whom streets were recently named in the city's new quarter, were Jews.

Speakers at the unveiling ceremony pointed out that it had been much more dangerous for Jews than for non-Jews to participate in the resistance movement.

### KIBYA TO GET MODERN HOUSES

Kibya will be rebuilt with modern houses containing all sanitary requirements, "A-Difa," Old City daily, said last week. The cost to Jordan will be £50,000.

## Ex-Partisans Warn Of Action in Knesset

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A regional "crisis conference" of the Disabled War Veterans Organization — representing disabled ex-partisans of World War II — decided here today to stage sit-down and hunger strikes in the Knesset building if their demands for disabled war veterans status are not approved.

The conference opposed as discriminatory the proposed Disabled Veterans of Pre-State Wars Law — which was referred by the Knesset to its Labour Committee on December 30, 1952. It demanded that care of the 950 disabled men of the organization should come under the jurisdiction of the Defence Ministry so that they can have similar status to War of Independence disabled veterans.

The conference accused the Government of failing to solve the disabled partisans' problem, and asked that members of the organization be protected against dismissal from the Government and other employment.

Mrs. Hanna Lamdan, M.K., (Ahdut Avodah) member of the Knesset Labour Committee, told the conference that the Government would not delay adequate handling of the organization's demands and that there was no need for drastic action.

## WIZO Opens Centre To Train Mothers

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — The new WIZO Mothercraft Training Centre here was formally opened on Thursday. It is the fruit of a special effort by the Women's Zionist Council in South Africa which raised IL.500,000 for the construction and equipment.

The centre will hold courses for 60 child-care trainees. The children who will be cared for in the centre will be social cases, infants prematurely born, twins, and others in need of special care. There will be room to lodge the mothers. The staff will consist of 60 persons.

More than 12,000 families in 85 settlements are being helped by the WIZO programme for instruction in smallholders farms, Mrs. Irma Polack, WIZO Public Relation Director, and Mrs. Mina Meir, Director of the Instruction Department, said recently.

Forty-one Instruction Centres helped women in *ma'barot* and new *shikunim* to tend to small gardens around their homes to supplement family income.

Another promising WIZO project was the making of slippers from local flax.

In this craft, WIZO hopes that many hundreds of women immigrants will find employment. The American-financed Negev Linen Products are planning to export the slippers, it was said.

## Monthly Reports On Imported Medicines

Monthly reports will be published on the import licences granted by the Health Ministry for medical supplies, following a decision to that effect by the Minister, Mr. Joseph Serlin.

A list of licences granted since April 1 will be published in about a fortnight, but in the future a report will appear at the beginning of every month on licences granted during the previous month.

## ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 491 M.; HAIFA: 240 M.; TEL AVIV: 33.3, 41.9 & 220 M.

**FIRST PROGRAMME**

**NEWS: Hebrew:** 7 a.m.; 1.30, 6.15 and 11.00 p.m. **Arabic** Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 1.15 and 6.30 p.m. **Turkish:** 11.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 5.00 Piano Recital: Arieh Sacha. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger. Soloist: Avraham Aharoni. Mozart Programme: Overture "La Finta Gardiniera"; Horn Concerto No. 2; Divertimento No. 11. 7.30 Talk. 7.40 Interlude. 7.45 "What's New in Science" 8.00 "Wells of Work." 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra: Conductor: Leonard Bernstein: Symphony No. 3 (Beethoven). 9.30 Milestones. 10.00 Songs (R). 10.20 Variety. 11.05 Close Down.

**SECOND PROGRAMME**
**490, 229, 218, 48.9 M.)**

**English News:** 1.45 p.m.; 10.15 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Chess. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Story. 5.35 Israel Composers. 5.45 Talmud Lesson. 6.15 Close Down.

**IMMIGRANTS' HOUR** (33.3 & 48.9 & 480 M.): **French:** 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. **Yiddish:** 7.30 p.m.

**KOL ZION LAGOLA** (33.3 M.): 11.15 News. 11.22 Personal Column. 11.30 Jerusalem Forum.

**ARMY PROGRAMME** (44.6 216, 226 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 6.55 Entrance Ticket. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.45 Sports. 8.00 Chamber Music. 8.50 News. 8.45 Evening Tunes. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.0 Close Down.

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From Friday's Press

## Farming Policy At Crossroads

**Agricultural policy has reached the crossroads, says "Davar" (Histadrut) in its editorial, drawing attention to a statement by a "Tnuva" director which criticised the abolition of controls. Lack of control may favourably affect one particular field of agricultural production to the detriment of others. It might also cause restrictions of agricultural production in general as it has frequently been shown that a farmer gains by marketing only a limited quantity of products. This country obviously needs further development of agriculture and increased output, which is possible only within the framework of planning.**

**Moreover, a solution to the problem of unemployment will be worked out only when part of the urban population is moved to the country-side. It cannot be assumed that the cities will be able to provide all the newcomers concentrated in and around them with the means of earning a livelihood. The obvious conclusion is that going on the land will have to be made a more attractive proposition for newcomers, possibly at some cost to the taxpayer and the consumer.**

### G. Z. Achievements

**"Haboker" (General Zionist) comments on the General Zionists' victory in the Municipal Elections three years ago. The paper draws attention to the achievements of the party since they joined the Government, including the inception of unified State education and the abolition of many controls. The paper says that in view of these achievements it is not true, as was feared, that the country has fallen victim to domination by one class. The paper expresses confidence that the General Zionists will yet become the strongest party.**

**The cartoonist of "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) takes a less kindly view of the General Zionists' attempt to obtain a foothold in more Ministries, showing one of their leaders with faint resemblance to Mr. P. Bernstein spreading himself over many chairs bearing the legend, "Deputy Prime Minister, the Deputy Minister of etc."**

**Several writers in "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) comment on the political situation and offer advice: Mr. Y. Riftin calls for a common front under the banner of proletarian internationalism of the Arab and Jewish masses in the Middle East against the warmongers and Imperialists, as the only way of solving the present conflict. Mr. D. Gottesfurcht sees the possibility of peace in the establishment of a pioneering working class Government (Mapai-Mapam).**

### New Gov't Wanted

**"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) also calls for a new Government, and says that no real change will be brought about if only the Prime Minister resigns, leaving the present treacherous Government in charge. A popular front of all democratic forces led by the most patriotic party, Maki, is the obvious commandment of the hour.**

**"Zmanim" (Progressives) opposes the introduction of constitutional changes (the ten per cent clause).**

**Dr. Bader writing in "Herut" continues to see the only way out of the *impasse* in the establishment of a "Government of national forces without foreign agents and Chamberlains."**

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THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE

## Electric and Ata Active

**TEL AVIV — In a rather featureless week some animation appeared on Thursday, when Palestine Electric shares advanced by 4 points for the London Register and by 7 points for the Israel Register, while the Jerusalem Electric shares improved by 6 points, closing at 400%, and 297% and 228% respectively, against the week's lowest price of 389%, 288½% and 222%. This revival is probably connected with the statement made by the Minister of Development in the Knesset on Wednesday that the Government has come to a preliminary agreement with the Directors of the Palestine Electric Corporation during the latter's visit to Israel, according to which the Government will acquire the majority of voting power in this Corporation. The old agreement based on a fifty/fifty partnership between the Corporation and the Government has been annulled. The Minister emphasized that the Corporation's reply from London has not yet been received, but when received — and prior to finalization of negotiations — the matter will be brought before the Finance Committee of the Knesset.**

**In the otherwise very quiet market, the turnovers in Tavei Dollar and Ata shares were conspicuous. Tavei Dollar lost on the balance 17 pruta during the week, closing on Thursday at IL.1.301. This reflects probably the disappointment caused by the delay in the Treasury announcement of the Economic Ministers' decision to grant the IL.1.800 rate per dollar for capital transfers and foreign dividend payments.**

**The interest in Ata and Kurdaneh shares is connected with the impending Extraordinary General Meeting which will be called upon to decide the capitalization of reserves amounting to 12½% bonus shares. The prices fluctuated slightly, but on the balance remained unchanged, as a considerable rise occurred earlier, as already reported. Ata debentures will benefit from this bonus only if they are converted prior to December 21, 1953 into ordinary shares, according to the option, and against payment of 60%. Ata preference shares will, according to the proposed resolution, have the right of conversion into ordinary "C" shares against payment of 40% between January 1 and March 31, 1954. The present price of these preference shares is 109%, but buyers only.**

**Generally, the market remained steady with only insignificant changes during the week.**

### Rise in German Potash

**LONDON — German Potash provided the feature in the foreign bond market in London on Wednesday, gaining as much as 8 points at one time on the hopes that the current debt talks would prove fruitful, but inevitable profit-taking nearly halved the gains. Japanese were 3 points higher, while Europeans generally showed small improvements. Although irregular, the industrial issues were quietly firm. Reuters Daily Index for gilt-edgeds was 87.6 against 87.4 last week, for industrials 147.8 against 148.8, and for Khaffirs 79.9 against 81.2.**

**NEW YORK — Wall Street continued its downward trend, as recovery attempts had little success, with however, rails issues improving slightly. Dow Jones Averages for 30 industrials was 278.26 against 279.09 last week, for 20 rails 98.21 against 97.43. On the foreign bond markets the Greeks reacted slightly on profit-taking, while Denmarks were slow and fractionally mixed, and Norwegians neglected. Japanese were little changed. On the otherwise quiet South African list, Chilleans were firm with prices advancing to new high levels for a year. World Bank 3% of 1956 and 3½% of 1981 were sold at the best levels for the year.**

**GOLD — The world free market price for gold in terms of U.S. currency as indicated by the quotations on the leading continental centres dropped another 15 c. to $35.40: $35.50 per ounce, only 40c. above the official price in the U.S.A.**

**COMMODITIES — Prices on the London rubber market were again marked down, but there was not much inclination to trade. Some selling pressure brought rubber to the lowest of the current decline. Although the intention of Indonesia to sell rubber to China developed a firmer trend, the advance was not held.**

**The representatives of cotton producing and using nations meeting now in Washington, are expected to decide soon whether to call a conference to negotiate an agreement on the lines of the International Wheat Pact for the control of the world's cotton trade. Generally, the commodities market in London was unchanged, with Reuters UK Commodities Index on Wednesday 476.7 against 476.8 last week.**

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The game also formed part of the Home Countries competition, in which the four countries, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales contest the Home Countries soccer championship.

England led by 1-0 at halftime. Almost all the second half was played with 10 men on each side, Lofthouse, the English centre-forward, was injured when scoring for his side and went off the field.

Irish goalie Smith was also injured while saving a goal. Veteran star Stanley Matthews, Blackpool's "wizard of the dribble," was prominent and contributed towards his side's victory.

*A. KALMAN*

**SENTENCES.**—A French Military Court on Tuesday sentenced 11 Tunisians to sentences varying from four to 10 years of hard labour for their part in planning and carrying out an ambush of a French Army convoy last March.

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## Today's Post Bag

### THE WEATHER

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| Mt. Cana'an | 84 | 9 | 15 | 12 |
| Tiberias | 88 | 16 | 25 | 34 |
| Haifa Port | 61 | 14 | 23 | 34 |
| Natanya | 65 | 14 | 23 | 30 |
| Tel Aviv Port | 66 | 16 | 23 | 34 |
| Lydda Airport | 53 | 12 | 24 | 29 |
| Jerusalem | 61 | 12 | 19 | 28 |
| Eilat | 96 | 16 | 36 | 36 |

**FORECAST:** Increased cloudiness. Occasional light rain along the Mediterranean coast and Galilee hills. Later, partly cloudy in North and fair in Centre and South.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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**A CONSIGNMENT** of 220 cubic metres of plywood valued at $40,000, was sent last week to England by the Ta'al factory in the s.s. Gefen and the s.s. Gunda.

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**A LEOPARD** and a number of Capuchin monkeys have arrived at the Tel Aviv Zoo from India under an exchange arrangement.

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**INTERVIEWS WITH** the four Israel journalists who are visiting England at the invitation of the British Government will be broadcast by the B.B.C. at 6.30 (Israel time) this evening over the following wavelengths: 24.80; 24.92; 30.53 and 30.90 m. The journalists are Mr. J. Finkelstein, ("Ha'aretz"); Mr. Y. Groman, ("Haboker"); Mr. H. Orgel, *(The Jerusalem Post)*; and Mr. Dan Pines ("Davar").

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**AS FROM TODAY,** immigration and naturalization services for the Acre district will be handled at the offices of the Acre District Officer in the Police Station.

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**ENTERING THROUGH** the door of the kitchen balcony, burglars stole jewellery valued at IL.7,300 from the flat of Mr. and Mrs. Zlata Fischbader, Rehov Besalel, Haifa, on Friday night.

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**A 36-WEEK** course for teachers and instructors of adult education courses will open in Jerusalem on November 22, under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and the Hebrew University. Lecturers will be: Professor M. Buber, Dr. N. Freudenberg, Dr. B. Leibovitz, Mr. Y. Livni, Dr. M. Camerat, Mr. M. Ben Sasson, Drs. A. Adar, M. Ziv, H. Steinitz and S. Hoffman the fee is IL. 36. Registration takes place at the Rehavia Hebrew Secondary School every day from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

## No. 1 From Prague

**LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday.**— The first immigrant from Czechoslovakia since the Slansky trial arrived by El Al on Friday to join his family. He is Leopold Stein, a widower aged 58.

Mr. Stein, who comes from Prague, is a former land- owner. He applied to the Czech authorities through normal channels to join his son here who is a physician. He holds an Israel visa, marked No. 1 from the Legation in Prague.

## New Quarters For University Students

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The plight of some 200 Hebrew University students will shortly be eased considerably when new students' quarters will be opened in the Baka'a quarter of Jerusalem.

Workers are now putting the finishing touches to the buildings, which are expected to be ready in about three weeks. The students, who will live three in a room, will be required to pay IL.5 rent per month.

## Civil Servants Reassured

Government employees with University training who have not been granted professional status have been promised by the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, that she will bring their case before an inter-Ministerial committee and will reply within a fortnight.

This was revealed in a report of the employees' executive committee at a meeting in Jerusalem on Thursday night.

The committee expressed resentment at the repeated delays to which its claims have been subjected.

### ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETS TOMORROW

The Economic Advisory Council attached to the Prime Minister's Office will resume its activities at 10 a.m. tomorrow, after a vacation of almost three months.

On the agenda are the exchange rate policy and transportation and communication tariffs.

# General Zionists and Herut Agree On Tel Aviv Municipal Coalition

Jerusalem Post Bureau

**TEL AVIV, Saturday.** — A Herut spokesman said here yesterday that the Party had signed a preliminary agreement with the General Zionists to form a coalition in the Tel Aviv Municipal Council. The agreement is subject to the approval of the central committees of both parties, he said.

The agreement provides for the Council to elect a Herut Deputy Mayor and give that Party control of the Public Works Department of the Municipality. It has general provisions for "better care of slum areas" and a clause against raising water rates sharply as had been envisaged in the as yet unapproved budget for the current financial year.

Other details of the two-page type-written agreement have not been revealed. The names of Mr. B. Avniel, M.K., Councillor David Yutan and Councillor M. Ichilov appear on the agreement for Herut, while the names of Mr. S. Babe, M.K., Mayor Haim Levanon and Councillor M. Daniell appear for the General Zionists.

### No Comment

The Mayor had no comment on the agreement tonight. He said that he would bring forward his budget for a vote tomorrow. It has been the Mayor's policy for the past three months to get the budget approved in any way possible as the time is approaching for next year's budget.

Some Mapai sources said here tonight that a coalition with Herut, which is the one that governed this city before the present government coalition was formed, would be a breach of the agreement made almost a year ago to the effect that Tel Aviv would follow along the lines of the Government coalition. Others thought that it was perhaps a mistake to connect the two things; and that any agreement on the Council was better than the present state of affairs when no major decision can be taken.

Meanwhile, the Herut Councillors have demanded that tomorrow's Council meeting be postponed until the tentative agreement receives the approval of the parties, but the Mayor has refused. The Herut Central Committee will decide later tonight how to act at the Council tomorrow.

### Peri May Quit

The Mapai Deputy Mayor, Mr. Eliezer Peri, who has had no specific job since his election six months ago, is expected this week to obtain his Party's permission that he resign, if the coalition agreement with Herut appears to be reasonably permanent.

In a statement to *The Jerusalem Post* tonight, Councillor M.D. Goldstein (Progressive) said that his Party would not join the Municipal coalition which is based on "bargaining for portfolios." He added, however, that he would vote for the budget tomorrow, provided that the Mayor states in the Council that he would try to improve his administration and attempt long-range planning for the city's development.

In the future the Progressives would adopt a neutral attitude in the Council and vote for each measure "on its merits," he added.

## 'U.K. Seeks Lasting Friendship in M.E.'

**TEL AVIV, Saturday.** — Great Britain strives to maintain lasting friendship with Israel and with Israel's neighbours, particularly one of them; to promote international solidarity and loyalty to the U.N.; and to liberalize trade, Sir Francis Evans, the British Ambassador, told the Commercial and Industrial Club here at its weekly luncheon yesterday.

Speaking of the changes in post-war Britain, Sir Francis said that a common figure there today is the man of property, once well-to-do, who has given up much of his land, lost a son in the war, seen his investments dissipated and his standard of living reduced, but is still trying to live a life of honour and decency and to fulfil his duties in the Community.

## LOST IN SEARCH OF HOLY PLACES

Jordan Legionnaires arrested an Israeli who lost his way and wandered into Jordan-held Musrara on Friday, NEABS reported. He is said to have told his interrogators that the Israel authorities had informed him that the Jewish holy sites in the Old City are in Israel hands and could be visited.

## Bernstein: Nothing To be Ashamed Of

**TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM).**— The record of the past three years growth of the General Zionist Party indicated that "the population wishes the Party to have a large say in the running of the country," Mr. Peretz Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry, said at a public meeting here today.

"We have nothing to be ashamed of after ten months in the Government coalition," he added.

Mayor Haim Levanon claimed that there is no city which gives so much to its residents with so little publicity as Tel Aviv.

## High Court Frees Condemned Beduin

The death sentence passed on a Beduin found guilty of the murder of a Beersheba resident was quashed on Friday by the High Court on the grounds that the testimony of the chief witness had contained numerous inconsistencies. The prisoner was ordered to be freed.

The Beduin, Salama el-Nabari, in May, 1953, was found guilty by the Tel Aviv District Court of the murder of Yosef Murad in July 1952, while engaged in a smuggling operation in the Negev.

The chief witness was a 17-year-old Arab boy who was present at the scene of the crime. He identified the prisoner by his voice and height. *(Itim.)*

## Boy Sorry He Sent Threatening Letters

A boy of 16, who in May sent threatening letters to missionaries and owners of non-*kasher* butcher shops, and cafes which open on the Sabbath, was bound over in the sum of IL.100 to be of good behaviour for one year by a Jerusalem Magistrate on Friday.

The boy admitted that he had sent seven threatening letters in the belief that this was encouraged by the Torah. He told the Magistrate that he regretted the act, however, after being told by his teachers that it was forbidden. *(Itim.)*

## Five Teams In Quarter-Finals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV, Saturday.** — Five matches were played today in the fourth round of the Israel Soccer Cup games and five teams have qualified for the quarter-finals: Haifa Maccabi, Kfar Saba Hapoel, Natanya Maccabi, Haifa Hapoel and Tel Aviv Maccabi. The sixth place in the quarter-finals will be decided in a match between Tel Aviv Hapoel and Petah Tikva Maccabi which was postponed from today.

The winner of the game between Petah Tikva Hapoel and Jerusalem Hapoel, which was

### CYCLIST WINS CUP

**BAT YAM, Saturday.** — A 17-year-old cyclist, Uri Lieberman, received a Hapoel challenge cup after winning an eight-kilometre race here yesterday. He finished in 16.5 minutes, ahead of 38 others.

stopped because of rain today after 60 minutes of play, will enter the semi-finals pending the Soccer Federation's decision.

**Today's results were:**

Haifa Maccabi 3, Tel Aviv Betar, 0;

Kfar Saba Hapoel 2, Jerusalem Betar 1;

Natanya Maccabi 1, Ramat Gan Hapoel 0 (after 23 minutes extra play);

Haifa Hapoel 3, Rishon LeZion Hapoel 1;

Tel Aviv Maccabi 3, Kiryat Haim Hapoel 2 (after extra time);

Petah Tikva Hapoel 3, Jerusalem Hapoel 0, (called off because of rain).

In friendly games, Rehovot Maccabi beat Rehovot Hapoel 2:1; Hadera Hapoel beat Haders Maccabi 2:1; Haifa Hapoel Veterans 3, Haifa Hakoah Veterans 0.

A new Pentathlon record for boys was set up today by Aharon Carmel, who collected 3,448 points in a Hapoel track meet at Kiryat Haim. The previous record, 3,340 points, was held by Mordechai Melokerov.

## Ministry Denies Charges Against J'lem Schools

Only three of the 84 elementary schools in Jerusalem still lack a full complement of teachers, according to a report by the Director of the Jerusalem District Office of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Denying criticism of the state of Jerusalem schools which recently has appeared in the press, the report states that the number of children attending school is normal, that in general classes are in session from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and that in the first two years three or four lessons a day are given, amounting approximately to 20 a week.

### BODY OF DR. SENATOR DUE BACK TOMORROW

The body of Dr. David Werner Senator, late Executive Vice-President of the Hebrew University, will arrive here by El Al tomorrow, the University reports. Details of the funeral will be announced later.

Dr. Senator died of a heart attack on November 2 in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Berman's Counsel Warns of Suicide

Jerusalem Post Bureau

**HAIFA, Saturday.** — Defence Counsel for David Berman, Mayor of Hadera, Mr. Y. Salomon, said in his summing-up yesterday that if his client were found guilty even on one count, his life would no longer be of value to him. Berman is a public figure, he said, and whether he had a revolver or not, he would acquire one if convicted.

The District Court here heard the statement without any sign of emotion.

Berman is facing 70 charges of forgery, making false claims, and embezzlement.

It was his aim to prove that there existed a conspiracy against the accused, who is guiltless, Mr. Salomon said. Charges of misdeeds had been made against him by the very men who had committed them.

"This man cannot walk out of the courtroom after a mere declaration that his guilt has not been proven. Berman entered it without a blemish," said Mr. Salomon, asking the Court to declare the accusations false. The defence summing-up will continue tomorrow.

## Rothschild Calls For Zionist Reformation

**PARIS, Saturday (INA).** — A new radical approach to major Jewish problems involving, among other things, a basic reformation of Zionism, was advocated by Baron Guy de Rothschild, President of the Central French Jewish Consistory, in an exclusive interview here with the "Jewish Chronicle."

Denying a recent declaration that he favoured the outright abolition of the Zionist Movement, Baron de Rothschild, in response to a question, said that he is prepared to identify himself with the leadership of a suitably reorganized Zionist Movement in France.

Discussing the political status of Diaspora Jewry and its relations with the State of Israel, Baron de Rothschild said: "I agree with Prime Minister Ben Gurion that an authentic Zionist lives or intends to live in Israel and only citizens of the State have a right to intervene in its political affairs."

### Dual Loyalty Question

"The question of 'dual loyalty' simply does not arise for me. The supreme loyalty of every French Jew must be to France whose Tricolour is his own flag.

"Happily, France is not likely ever to engage in war with Israel. But if such a disaster were to happen and French Jews were to be confronted with one of those tragic choices which fortunately seldom occur outside the plays of Corneille, then my own duty would be plain," he stated.

"I would fight for France although I would ask not to be sent to a front where I might encounter Israel troops.

"With the matter of political loyalty thus disposed of, the duty of solidarity which Diaspora Jewry owes to Israel is not one whit diminished," he concluded.

## Truman Expresses Confidence in Israel

**NEW YORK, Saturday (UP).** — Mr. Harry Truman expressed his confidence in Israel and praised her role in the United Nations. He predicted a bright future for the country and urged patience and tolerance on both sides in the present border tension.

Mr. Truman spoke at a banquet of the Friends of the Hebrew University held here on Thursday night, when he received a Gedalia Bublik prize, conferred for outstanding services to the State of Israel, the Jewish people and mankind in general. The first recipient of the prize was Prime Minister Ben Gurion, who received it in 1949.

## LEAH PREVEZER MEMORIAL

**TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM).** — A memorial tablet was unveiled and a hall in the new Keren Hayesod building here was named yesterday after Leah Prevezer, a British Zionist, who died in tragic circumstances last year.

Members of the family, Sir Francis Evans, the British Ambassador, and other dignitaries were present at the ceremonies.

Mr. Zvi Herman, chairman of the Keren Hayesod Directorate and Rabbi Unterman were among those who eulogized Mrs. Prevezer.

## Early Morning Dip

*Police ponder at the edge of the pool in Kikar Dizengoff into which a Tel Aviv driver strayed in the wee hours of Friday* (Photo by Pinn)

**TEL AVIV, Saturday.** — A large square car sat in the middle of the pool in Kikar Dizengoff here yesterday morning and it took passers-by some time to realize what the peculiar object was. It took still longer to discover what it was doing there.

The driver turned out to be Mr. Moshe Wallin, the impresario, who had been driving in the small hours of the morning. Neither he nor his passengers was hurt.

## Arab Orphan Boys Give To Hanukka Toy Fund

The mailbag at the Haifa Office of *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday contained the following letter from Miss Helen Janssens, Matron of the Greek Orphanage, for *The Jerusalem Post* Sa'ad Toy Fund.

"I am happy to send you herewith a cheque for IL.3.100 donated by our 31 orphans. Our dear Archbishop G. Hakim explained to our boys the aims of your 'Toy Fund,' and how much he wanted our Arab boys to help their Jewish brethren.

"Our orphans immediately offered all their small economies to the Fund. Wishing you and the other sponsors of the project good luck."

The Haifa area contributed IL.107.600 on Friday, bringing the total to IL.758.600.

They include: —

IL.50 P.I.C.A.

IL.25 Socony Vacuum Oil Company of Israel Ltd.

IL.12 Dental Dept., Haifa Kupat Holim.

IL.5 Alfred & Else Obermayr.

IL.3 Henny Siegel.

IL.2.500 Kaethe Friedman.

IL.2 Shulamit Wasserman ("six-months-old healthy and radiant"); Hanna and Eli Marcks; four little girls — Hanna, Michal, Gaby and Karen.

IL.1 Anonymous.

## Ceylon Premier Denies UK Governor Unwanted

**COLOMBO, Saturday (Reuter).** — Ceylon Prime Minister Sir John Kotelawala has denied versions in the British press of a letter he wrote about the Governor Generalship, the British National Anthem and the Union Jack.

Sir John was quoted as saying that one of the points the people of Ceylon were unable to understand was "why in this free land should there be a foreign Governor-General?"

But he declared last night that the alleged verbatim report was a "travesty" of what he had said. On the contrary, he had stated that it was his sincere desire that Ceylon should have a British Governor-General as long as possible.

## Birthday Greetings To Prince Charles

**WINDSOR, England, Saturday (UP).** — Prince Charles, heir apparent to the British throne, celebrated his fifth birthday today with his three-year-old sister, Princess Anne, and their grandmother, Queen Mother Elizabeth. Among his new toys was a shiny, red, battery-driven automobile from his parents who spent the day at the Queen's estate at Sandringham preparing for their six-month tour which will begin on November 23.

A cable of greetings was sent by *The Jerusalem Post*-Sa'ad Toy Fund to Prince Charles last evening informing him that a number of members of the British colony in Israel have donated toys and money to the Fund on the occasion of his birthday.

## British Trade Mission Leaves for Mid-East

**LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).**— A British trade mission to the Middle East left London Airport today.

Its task is to persuade Middle East countries of Britain's desire to help in the development of their economies, and her ability to provide them with the goods and services, they need. The mission is not to visit Israel or Iran.

On its return it is to make suggestions both to Government and industry.

The leader of the mission is Sir Edward Benthall, twice President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce.

General Nuri Said, former Iraqi Prime Minister, was guest of honour yesterday at a luncheon given by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

## French Library Buys Dead Sea Scrolls

**PARIS, Saturday (UP).** — The French National Library has purchased several fragments of ancient Hebrew manuscripts discovered four years ago in the Kumran grotto near the Dead Sea, it was announced yesterday. The manuscripts were discovered by a French Archaeological team.

During these four years, Hebrew experts have deciphered most of the manuscripts. The fragments purchased by the National Library include parts of Biblical Books and commentaries.

The documents will be exhibited under glass by the National library which is the only European library to possess part of the famous Dead Sea scrolls.

## 9,000 Arabs Join Histadrut Unions

**NAZARETH, Saturday.** — Some 9,000 Arab workers have been admitted to the Trades Union Department of the Histadrut, it was announced by the Histadrut here yesterday. Since June, 11,000 workers have applied for admission. The Histadrut Executive Committee decided to admit Arabs to the Trades Union Department last April.

Of the 2,000 applicants not admitted, 1,000 were refused membership on one of four grounds: being over 60, a property owner, unemployed, or "hostile" to the Histadrut.

The admission of the other thousand has been postponed because they are either below 18 or because they are suspected of being members of the dissolved Trades Union Congress.

The latter will be asked to sign declarations that they are members of no other union, before their application will be reconsidered.

## Peer Charged With Assaulting Scout

**LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE, Saturday (Reuter).** — Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, 27, was alleged in court here today to have assaulted a Boy Scout aged 14 camping in the grounds of the family estate.

The tall, fair-haired bachelor baron, who was in America when the warrant for his arrest was issued, had delayed his voluntary return to this country to answer the charge until after his sister's wedding on October 31. He was arrested last Saturday and released on bail.

The prosecution said that the offence took place in the evening of August 3 after a party of scouts had spent the day as sightseers in the mansion on the estate.

After reciting the evidence he would present, the Prosecutor read a 13-point letter of denial which he said Lord Montagu wrote to the Chief Constable of Hampshire.

## KLM Takes Jewish Crews Off East Run

By HENRIETTE BOAS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

**AMSTERDAM (Airmail).** — Jewish crew members on K.L.M. aircraft may no longer serve on flights to Indonesia, K.L.M. planes en route to Indonesia now land at Beirut or Cairo, and the Lebanese and Egyptian authorities have refused to grant visas to Jewish crew members. The latter, according to a K.L.M. spokesman, have been switched to other routes.

In carrying out its present policy, he added, K.L.M. does not subscribe to any principle of racial discrimination, but is guided solely by practical considerations.

## Russia to Free 810 Japanese PoW's

**MOSCOW, Saturday (UP).** — M. Vassili Khoradoukov, President of the Soviet Red Cross, announced today 810 Japanese prisoners will be repatriated soon via the port of Nahodka, north of Vladivostok.

M. Khoradoukov made his announcement in the course of a third joint meeting with Japanese Red Cross representatives here. He said 430 of the repatriates will be convicted war criminals, and 380 civilians.

## Cables in Brief

**CANDIDATE.** — The Arab countries have agreed to the candidacy of General Mohammed Ibrahim, Egyptian Chief of Staff, to the newly created post of Assistant Military Secretary of the Arab League.

**BIRTHDAY.** — Jordan observed a national holiday yesterday on the occasion of King Hussein's 19th birthday.

**TOMB.** — Lenin's tomb, closed since the death of Marshal Stalin last March, is to be re-opened to the public on Tuesday as the tomb of Lenin and Stalin.

**RESIGNATION.** — Colombia's Supreme Court resigned en masse on Friday night because of allegations by President Rojas Pinalla that certain unnamed judges had accepted graft.

**PROTEST.** — Students took over the Teachers' School in Havana on Friday to protest against the dismissal of two professors, Sr. Juan Marinello Vidauerreta, President of Cuba's Communist Popular Socialist Party, and his wife, Sra. Maria Jefeda Vidauerreta. The students left peacefully after police arrived.

## Personal Notices

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IT must be presumed that the General Assembly will pass without a dissentient voice the resolution on the Arab refugees which was adopted last week in committee, thus putting off for yet another year any attempt to find a real solution to this tragic problem.

**OPPORTUNITY LOST**

This must be regarded as an Arab victory — as a victory, that is, for the Arab states, though naturally not for the refugees. It has been official Arab League policy from the start to do everything possible to keep the refugees as refugees, for only in this way can the Arab Governments continue to make political capital out of their unhappy situation. If the refugees were re-settled, they would cease to be refugees — and with them the generous meed of sympathy which the Arab world as a whole has earned on their account would cease to exist.

Every close observer of the Middle Eastern political scene has known this for years — and indeed Arab spokesmen themselves have from time to time been quite open on the subject. As recently as last year a former representative of UNRWA said in Amman: "It is perfectly clear that the Arab nations do not want to solve the Arab refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront against the United Nations, and a weapon against Israel." It was Arabs who forged this weapon and they have learnt how to wield it with excellent effect.

If a grievance is the most valuable of political assets, few grievances can ever have come in more handy than the existence of the Arab refugees — and no one with a sense of political realities could expect the Arab League easily to renounce it.

But it is not political considerations alone that the Arab Governments have in mind, though there can be no doubt that these are paramount. The Arabs have strong economic considerations too. UNRWA, to meet the cost of its supply programme and administration, has inevitably purchased considerable amounts of Middle Eastern currencies. According to official figures, from May 1950 to September 1952 amounts equivalent to over $36,000,000 were transferred under this head. These exchange operations have represented a significant contribution to the balancing of foreign currency budgets, notably in Jordan. In 1951/52 the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan spent a total of 168,000 dinars on the refugees, while UNRWA during the same period disbursed in Jordan over 3,000,000 dinars for their benefit. While the Lebanon has spent on an average LL.1,600,000 per annum on account of the refugees, it has derived from their presence a yearly income of over LL.83,000,000, apart from taxes, fees and currency profits. Certain Arab Governments actually impose customs and other duties on supplies bought by UNRWA in their countries for use *in those countries* — thus securing fiscal revenue in addition to the earning of hard currency.

Thus the Arab Governments benefit economically and politically while doing nothing for the refugees. Therefore the U.N. should lay it down categorically that it is prepared to continue refugee relief only for so long as it takes to resettle the refugees *with the active assistance of all the Governments concerned*. The Israel Government has already indicated that it would be prepared to negotiate a scheme of compensation — but of course there is no point in paying compensation in vacuo. With the help of United Nations funds at present spent merely on relief, with the full cooperation of the Arab Governments and with Israel's contribution in the form of compensation, the refugee problem can be solved.

It is too late this year, for the General Assembly is allowing the matter to go by default. But next year the opportunity must be taken to achieve a basic solution. If the Arab Governments refuse to cooperate, it should be made clear to them that in that case they can expect no further help from the United Nations.

As things are now, the Arab states are having their cake and eating it—while the United Nations is hard put to it to keep the refugees alive on bread. This situation is unfair to the United Nations, to the Powers which are the main contributors to UNRWA funds, to Israel, and above all to the refugees themselves.

*The Week in the Knesset*

# Some Pitfalls of Legislation

By [illegible]NDA LUFT

MORE than three years ago the Knesset decided to work out a number of "basic laws" which would be assembled later in a general framework to form a national "constitution." This was a compromise between the proposal to begin work on a constitution at once and another to wait until the State had weathered the first shocks of the Ingathering. In the meantime some "basic laws" have been passed: the "Law of the Return" which gives the right of entry into the country to every Jew who wants to come.

The Bill tabled on Monday defines the powers of the Knesset, and was explained to the House not by the Minister of Justice, but by Mr. Bar Yehuda of Mapam, who is the Chairman of the Legal Committee which prepared it. Here was an opportunity to review the tasks and the working of the Legislature. However the debate which followed Mr. Bar Yehuda's opening-speech showed that the Knesset has lost much of the zest for philosophical discussion which characterized the heated exchanges of opinion during the controversy on the constitution. By trial and error the House has developed a certain organization and routine. The committee which worked on the Knesset Status Bill has been content to codify the various rules and usages which make the House tick.

Members' criticism concentrated on the committee's exaggerated caution in defining the character of the Knesset, as simply a legislative body. During the debate a demand was made to write into the Bill that the House elects the President of the State and approves the Cabinet. It was felt by many that the definition of the Knesset as the Legislature does not exhaust its functions which should be clearly stated in the Bill.

The question whether civil servants and government officials may be Members of the House was also raised. The Bill states that only the President, the judges and the State Comptroller — who are elected by the House — are ineligible. Mr. Bar Yehuda pointed out that when drafting the Bill the committee meant to deal with the eligibility of civil servants and government officials in another law, but it is doubtful if so basic an issue should not be raised in the very Bill which deals with the Knesset.

There were proposals to demand the attendance of a majority of members for decisions of major importance, for instance, the disposal of the House. The Knesset has no quorum rule, and can function even if the majority of members do not attend; there is no proposal to change this rule. The demand that decisions of major importance be made only if more than 60 members are present has therefore increased in weight. The Education Bill was passed on Tuesday by 27 members to 19 against 11.

Some vital issues were touched upon on Wednesday, when the proposals were made for the agenda. Unemployment, the supply of electric power and emigration from Israel were discussed. Every one of these items demands a full-dress debate and will certainly crop up again during the following months. One point made by the Minister of the Interior needs emphasis. Mr. Rokach revealed that in future passports might be given to immigrants only after a period of two years, as a number of persons had come to Israel merely to acquire citizenship, only to leave again with an Israel passport. It is known that emigrants sometimes embarrass Israel authorities abroad when they are unable to gain a foothold in another country. It is not always realised that the facility with which citizenship can be acquired by Jews who come to Israel is unknown in any other country. While the doors of the country should be open, many now think that immigrants should be made to wait a number of years until they may become Israel citizens.

**Better Newsreels**

The Minister of the Interior introduced a Bill which, if passed, will require cinema-owners to show locally produced newsreels. This touched off a strange debate which had more to do with patriotism than with local film-production. If the newsreel companies demand government help they only follow in the footsteps of many other industries which have grown accustomed to government help and encouragement during the years of controls. The Bill's defenders, however, do not primarily base themselves on the interests of the local film-companies; they claim that the public needs to be impressed by the achievements of the state.

This is a strange attitude. There is no reason to suppose that the public is disinterested in events in this country and does not want to see its progress mirrored in the weekly newsreel. On the contrary. If it is not at present interested in these pictorial documents they are obviously not attractive as they should be if they are to fulfil their purpose. The way to make them so and to create a demand for them, would be to make the newsreels more varied and interesting. This cannot be done by law and certainly not by a law which would ensure the local companies of a market even if their product is unsatisfactory.

# Readers' Letters

**MA'BARA INSTRUCTION**
Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Hardly a week passes without our reading of one or more fatal accidents caused by the mishandling of kerosene cookers. Last week, only the absence of a breeze saved Kiryat Shmuel from being gutted by a fire originating in one of the huts, whose owner was burned to death.

In Kfar Ata, the vast majority of all accidents of this kind occur on Friday night, as a result of putting the *Cholent* on a small cooker and covering the pot with a cloth. Other fires are caused by those who like to blow out the cooker or pump their primus until it is ready to explode.

Could not all ma'bara committees and the Jewish Agency see to it that everyone unfamiliar with the process is taught how to use kerosene stoves?

Yours etc.,
ARTHUR LIPSCHITZ
Kfar Ata, October 28.

**SMOKING REGULATIONS**
Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Cases of people smoking in buses are becoming too numerous. Smoking in buses is forbidden and punishable for very good reasons. But how can passengers be expected to refrain from smoking if the drivers do?

On October 28 I wrote to the Hamekasher Company, reporting such a case. The Company's management has not seen fit either to give me an answer or even to acknowledge that they received my complaint.

Yours etc.,
Dr. E. L.
Jerusalem, November 9.

# MUSICAL DIARY

THE impact of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony once more made itself felt when we heard the work after an interval of many years played by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Rafael Kubelik conducting at the Ohel Shem Hall on Tuesday. Listening to a perfect, or near perfect, interpretation of this gigantic work, and becoming, so to speak, almost part of its soul-stirring unrest one is inclined to forget the time-honoured aesthetic analyses of the organic rights and wrongs of the last choral movement, and its relation to the preceding parts. Viewed as a great panoramic exhibition, the final "Joy" sequence clearly stands out as the natural outcome of an ingeniously adventurous and inventive search among the complex worlds of the earlier movements. Kubelik's interpretation followed this line of organic construction — of the whole, as well as of the individual movements — in an extremely translucent and imposing exploitation of the material. This approach acquired special significance in the first movement, and in the mysterious and dramatic passage which leads to the ultimate long-awaited surrender to the "Ode to Joy." Moreover, the conductor's influence on the orchestra was highly satisfactory, with the musicians displaying an excellent example of their abilities. The famous solo horn passage; the elevating entrance of the second violins and violas in the adagio; the tension-packed recitative of the 'cello-double bass combination in the transition passage to the choir's entrance were fine manifestations of the orchestra's mettle.

The almost unsurmountable problems with which Beethoven faces the vocalists were more satisfactorily tackled by the Tel Aviv Chamber Choir (well-trained by Eytan Lustig) than by the solo-quartet, in which only Josepha Schocken's soprano and Bezalel Shary's bass (which is not sufficiently profound) were able to give a suggestion of an ideal performance, while Frances de Bossy (alto) and Haim Flaschner (tenor) were less successful. *Mo.*

**Love of Chopin**

"WHAT accounts for this immediate understanding and indubitable love for Chopin among all peoples? I think that this is another of Chopin's secrets: the appeal lies in his directness, in the fact that he has a language of his own that is at the same time universal, in the boundless wealth of his musical ideas," writes Artur Rubinstein.

This is what makes a Chopin recital such a pleasure, as experienced in the Y.M.C.A.'s Live Programme on Wednesday. Benno Schneider at the piano. The opening 'Nocturne' in F Sharp Minor (opus 15/2) was melancholy; the following 'Polonaises' in E Flat Minor, (op. 26/2) and in G Sharp Major as well as the 'Mazurka' in B Minor (op. 33/4) were infectious in rhythm. The 'Ballad' No. 1 in G Minor (opus 23), qualified by Schumann as Chopin's most sparkling and bold composition, was dramatic.

The second part of the programme was made up of no fewer than ten 'Etudes,' satisfyingly played by Mr. Schneider.

**Kol Yisrael Concerts**

BRACHA ZEFIRA, that pioneer of oriental song, made a happy comeback, after three years' absence, at Kol Yisrael's Tuesday concert, conducted by George Singer. She impressed her audience by her strong personality and emotional impact, singing songs with modern orchestral arrangements by Paul Ben Haim, Oedoen Partos, and Haim Alexander. The bill opened with Weber's 'Abu Hassan' overture and ended with Schubert's 'Ninth Symphony' in a rendering that was not too inspiring.

*FRANGO*

**Schubert's Piano Sonatas**

DURING Hanukka week (December 2 to 9) and on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of Franz Schubert's death, a course on the composer's piano sonatas will be given at the Y.M.C.A. by Mr. G. Jarecki, with the assistance of younger musicians and students.

The course is open to anyone who wishes to acquire a detailed knowledge of the composer's six greatest piano works. Participants should register at the Programme Office of the Y.M.C.A.

**Steinway for I.P.O.**

A MAGNIFICENT Steinway Concert Grand, the gift of Mr. Ben Swig of San Francisco and a group of friends was inaugurated at a recent Saturday night I.P.O. concert in Tel Aviv by the conductor-soloist, Leonard Bernstein. When Mr. Swig was in Israel last April he attended a Heifetz recital and voiced his disappointment at the piano used by the accompanist, stating that an organization such as the I.P.O. was worthy of a better instrument. On the initiative of Mr. Yona Ettinger of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, Mr. Swig formed a committee of friends in California to raise the funds for the purchase.

**ABROAD**

A YOUNG Israel violinist Rafael Marcus, made a successful appearance in London's Montefiore Hall at a concert given under the auspices of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue group of the Friends of the Hebrew University last month. Rafael Marcus, one of the leaders of the Haifa Orchestra, left for England to continue his studies under Max Rostal. He played the solo part in Mendelssohn's D minor Concerto with the Ben-Uri Orchestra under the baton of James Verity with "lightness of touch and a warm sense of its gay feelings" (The Jewish Chronicle).

GOTTFRIED von Einem's opera "The Trial" (based on Franz Kafka) was given its American premiere in Manhattan's City Centre. Olin Downes wrote in "The New York Times:" "A praiseworthy performance of an opera that ... did not deserve it." This was qualified by "Time" magazine which said that the opera is developed from "the nightmare school ... on the same wind that unroofed the old Habsburg Empire: Alban Berg (Wozzeck); — Bela Bartok ("Bluebird's Castle") and Luizi Dallapicola ("The Prisoner.")

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# OFF TO YALTA WITH ROOSEVELT

*This instalment covers the preliminaries of the Conference which he attended with President Roosevelt and Stalin in the Black Sea resort of Yalta in the Crimea.*

*Recalling the legendary Black Sea voyage of the Argo in the quest of the Golden Fleece, the Prime Minister proposed the code-name "Argonaut" for their meeting.*

*Prime Minister to President Roosevelt*

We shall be delighted if you will come to Malta. I shall be waiting on the quay. You will also see the inscription of your noble message to Malta of a year ago. Everything can be arranged to your convenience. No more but no fuller! From Malta to Yalta! Let nobody alter!

1, Jan. 45.

I elaborated this for private use: No more let us alter or falter or palter.

From Malta to Yalta, and Yalta to Malta.

Perhaps it was as well I did not cable it.

*President Roosevelt to Prime Minister.*

2, Jan. 45.

We plan to arrive by ship at Malta early forenoon Feb. 1, and hope to proceed at once by plane without faltering. It will be grand to meet you on the quay. Your suggestion of "Argonaut" is welcomed. You and I are direct descendants.

Lord Halifax reported from Washington that he had seen the President on the day before and did not think he "looked too good." Mr. Roosevelt, however, told him he was very well and much looking forward to our meeting. He said he thought our action in Greece had been of immense value, and he was full of regret at not being able to visit England on the way.

He was concerned at Japanese suicide aircraft attacks in the Pacific, which meant constantly losing 40 or 50 Americans for one Japanese, and he was not very hopeful about an early end of either war. This remark and other considerations made me anxious to arrange a meeting of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, at which both of us could either preside or be available before our meeting with Stalin.

The President did not at first think it possible for us to have a preliminary conference at Malta. He said that with favourable weather at sea he could arrive there by Feb. 2, and would have to go on by air the same day in order to keep our date with Stalin.

Nevertheless I pressed my proposal. Anxieties which I had expressed about our operations in North-West Europe still weighed with me. The British and American Chiefs of Staff had great need for discussion before we reached Yalta, and I hoped that their principal members might arrive at Malta two or three days before us and go over the military ground together, and that the President would invite Eisenhower, if the battle could spare him. I wanted Alexander to come too.

It seemed consonant with this idea of a preliminary military conference that there should be a similar meeting of Foreign Secretaries. I did not know whether the President would bring Stettinius, recently appointed, with him, nor whether Molotov would come, but I should have liked a conference between Eden, Stettinius, and Molotov at Alexandria or the Pyramids about a week before the President and I reached Yalta.

I therefore telegraphed again on Jan. 8. The President replied that he had directed Marshall, King, and Arnold (the U.S. Chiefs of Staff), with their assistants, to arrive in Malta in time for a conference with the British Staffs in the forenoon of Jan. 30, but explained that he could not spare Mr. Stettinius for a preliminary meeting of Foreign Secretaries. He himself would be at sea, and his Secretary of State ought not to be out of the country so long at the same time.

He would join us instead at Malta and accompany our party to the Triple Conference. "My idea," he concluded, "of the length of stay at Yalta is that it should not be more than five or six days. I am very desirous of keeping our date with Uncle Joe if it can possibly be done."

This was better than nothing, but it seemed to me that we might run very short of time, and I therefore persisted.

*Prime Minister to President Roosevelt.*

10, Jan. 45.

Thank you very much about the Combined Chiefs of Staff's preliminary meeting.

Eden has particularly asked me to suggest that Stettinius might come on 48 hours earlier to Malta with the U.S. Chiefs of Staff so that he (Eden) can run over the agenda with him beforehand. Even though Molotov were not invited, I am sure this would be found very useful. I do not see any other way of realizing our hopes about World Organization in five or six days. Even the Almighty took seven. Pray forgive my pertinacity. ...

But the President replied that there was too much business in Washington for Mr. Stettinius to reach Malta before Jan. 31. He promised, however, to send Harry Hopkins to England to talk things over with Eden and myself. On Jan. 21 Hopkins flew to London in the "Sacred Cow" (the President's personal aircraft) to discuss some of the topics which would confront us at the triple meeting, and the differences which had arisen between us in the previous month over Greece, Poland, and Italy. We had a number of very frank conversations during these three days.

Hopkins records that I was "volcanic" in my remarks, but that the visit was "very satisfactory." I am said to have told him that from all the reports I had received about conditions at Yalta we could not have found a worse place for a meeting if we had spent 10 years in looking for it. At any rate, it seems that the President's advisers were not without misgivings, for on the day of my departure I received the following telegram:

*President Roosevelt to Prime Minister.*

29 Jan. 45.

The approaches to "Argonaut" appear to be much more difficult than at first reported. I will have my advance party make recommendations as to how I shall travel after Malta. I agree that we must notify Uncle Joe as soon as we can fix our schedule in the light of present information.

Mr. Roosevelt was by now at sea and there was little one could do about it, but his forebodings were soon to be justified.

On Jan. 29 I left Northolt in the Skymaster given to me by Gen. Arnold. My daughter Sarah and the official party, together with Mr. Martin and Mr. Rowan, my private secretaries, and Cmdr. Thompson, travelled with me. The rest of my personal staff and some departmental officials travelled in two other planes. We arrived at Malta just before dawn on Jan. 30, and there I learnt that one of these two aircraft had crashed near Pantelleria. Only three of the crew and two passengers survived. Such are the strange ways of fate.

On the morning of Feb. 2 the Presidential party, on board the U.S.S. Quincy, steamed into Valletta harbour. It was a warm day, and under a cloudless sky I watched the scene from the dock of the Orion. As the American cruiser steamed slowly past us towards her berth alongside the quay wall I could see the figure of the President seated on the bridge, and we waved to each other.

That evening we all dined together on the Quincy, to talk over informally the conversations which had taken place on the previous days between Mr. Eden and Mr. Stettinius on the political issues which should be raised at Yalta. That night the exodus began. Transport planes took off at 10-minute intervals to carry some 700 persons, forming the British and American delegations, over 1,400 miles to the airfield of Saki, in the Crimea.

I boarded my plane after dinner, and went to bed. After a long and cold flight we landed on the airfield, which was under snow. My plane was ahead of the President's and we stood for a while awaiting him. When he was carried down the lift from the "Sacred Cow" he looked frail and ill.

Together we inspected the guards of honour, the President sitting in an open car, while I walked beside him. Our party then went into a large marquee for refreshment, with Molotov and the Russian delegation, which had come to meet us.

Presently we set off on a long drive from Saki to Yalta. Lord Moran and Mr. Martin came with me in my car. We had taken the precaution of bringing sandwiches with us, but, after we had duly eaten them, we came to a house where we were told Molotov awaited us, and we were invited to take place at a magnificent luncheon for about 10 people.

The President's party had apparently slipped past unawares, and Molotov was alone with two of his officials. He was in the best of humours, and offered us all the delicacies of the Russian table. We did our best to conceal the fact that we had already blunted our appetites.

The journey took us nearly eight hours, and the road was often lined by Russian soldiers, some of them women, standing shoulder to shoulder in the village streets and on main bridges and mountain passes, and at other points in separate detachments. As we crossed the mountains and descended towards the Black Sea we suddenly passed into warm and brilliant sunshine and a most genial climate.

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